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Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (twice amended) A method for piercing armor of a target, the method comprising the steps of:

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- a) providing an armor piercing projectile including:
 - i. a first motor for maintaining a cruise velocity of said projectile; and
 - ii. an acceleration rocket motor activated for accelerating said projectile from said cruise velocity to a penetration velocity in a final stage of flight of said projectile;
 - b) bringing said projectile to said cruise velocity by a process including shooting said projectile from a barrel;
 - c) maintaining said projectile at said cruise velocity;
 - d) increasing said velocity of said projectile to a penetrating velocity; and
 - e) impacting the target with said projectile at said penetrating velocity.
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A marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment is attached with the header "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"